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EDINBURGH,

IN DUNN'S ASSEMBLY ROOM,
ON TUESDAY the 20th of August instant, at Eleven o'clock forenoon.
There will be

A EXHIBITION

ANCIENT MARTIAL MUSIC;

BEING

THE COMPETITION FOR PRIZES

Given to best Performers on the

GREAT HIGHLAND PIPE.

N. B. For indemnifying the expenses and travelling charges of such
Performers and Candidates as do not get the premiums, and for encouraging
them to improve in their performance, and to obtain attendance
on the Annual Competitions in future, Tickets of admission are to be
had at Two SHILLINGS each, at the Music Shops of Mr Ross, Carrubber Close; Mr Stewart, Parliament Square; Messrs. Corri and Sutherland,
Bridge Street; Mr Brewster at the Croft; at the shop of Mr Charles Elliot bookseller, Parliament Square; and at the place of per-

WHALE OIL.

To be SOLD by public roup, within the Whale-Fishing Company's Office in Dunbar, upon Thursday the 22d day of September next, at twelve o'clock noon,

A QUANTITY OF WHALE OIL.

The Directors of the Whale-Fishing Company will receive proposals
from persons willing to furnish them 26,000 pounds Amsterdam weight of
FRESH BEEF.

The proposals to be given in before the 20th of October next; and the
same to be killed at Dunbar.

FOR LONDON, THE ENDEAVOUR,

ROBERT ROBERTSON Master,

NOW lying in Leith Harbour, taking in
goods, and will sail the 3d of Septem-
ber current.

Good accommodation for passengers.—The
Master to be spoke with at the Exchange Coff-
eeshouse, Edinburgh, or at his house in Leith.

AT LEITH—FOR LONDON, THE STAR,

JAMES RITCHIE Master,

Lying on the birth in Leith harbour, taking in
goods for London, and will sail the 3d Septem-
ber current.

N. B. Good accommodation for passengers.—The
Master to be spoke with at the Exchange Coff-
eeshouse, Edinburgh, or at his house in Leith.

FOR BOURDEAUX, and to return to LEITH direct,

THE S. L. O. P.

BETTY AND BELL,

ROBERT ALLAN Master,

Will sail immediately, and take in what wines
may offer for Leith.

Apply to Gavin Kempt, Leith, or the Master
on board.

For JAMAICA.

The Ship GLASGOW,

JOHN BOWIE, Master.

Now lying in the harbour of Greenock, is
ready to take goods on board for Kingston,
Morant Bay, Port Morant, Port Antonio,
Annotto Bay, and Port Maria, and will be
clear to sail by the 1st day of September next.
She has excellent accommodation for passen-
gers. For freight or passage, apply to Robert Mackay, Glasgow, or the
master at Greenock.

For KINGSTON, Jamaica,

To land Goods at ST KITTS,

THE BRIGANTINE BELL,

JOHN CATHCART Master,

Now ready to take on board goods at Green-
ock, and will be clear to sail in all September.

For freight or passage, apply to James Buch-
anan, Glasgow, to John Hamilton, or Capt.
Cathcart, Greenock.

The Bell is a fine new vessel, British built, and can accommodate a
number of passengers.

Greenock, August 1785.

For Inverness, Findhorn, Fort-George, and Cromarty,

ONE OF THE CONTRACT SMACKS,

THE THREE FRIENDS,

JAMES CREAR Master,

Lying on the birth at the New Quay, Leith,
is taking in goods, and will sail the 7th
September 1785, to be depended on.

The vessel has good accommodation for passen-
gers, and the best of usage may be depended
on.

For freight or passage, apply to JOHN WATSON, Cooper Leith, or the
Master on board.

For CHARLESTOUN in South Carolina State,

The ROBERT and MARY,

New BRIG fitting out with all expedition
at Kincardine, and is now ready to receive goods
there, and intends to be at Leith by the 15th
September 1785, to lie there for goods and pas-
sengers until the 1st of October, when she will
sail, wind and weather serving. As the ship is
built on purpose for the trade, passengers may
depend on being well accommodated.

For freight or passage apply to the owner Ro-

bert Hatchison at Kincardine, or the following gentlemen, viz. Mr
James Scott, New Bridge, Edinburgh, Mr John Learmonth merchant
in Leith, Mr John Dalgleish merchant at Borrowstounness, and Mr Alexander
Duncanion Clark for the Carron Company at Grangemouth,

Letters or goods to go with this ship, addressed to any of the above,
will be properly attended to.

Adjournment of Roup in the Admiral Court.

BY authority of the Right Honourable the
Judge of the High Court of Admiralty, the
roup of the Brigantine called the GREYHOUND
of Port-Glasgow, with her float-boat, Furniture,
and Apparelling, as the present lies in the
harbour of Abbey-pow near Dumfries, formerly ad-
vertised to have proceeded before the said Judge,
on Friday the 11th September, is further adjourned
to Wednesday the 21st of September, within the
ordinary Court Place, at twelve o'clock noon.—

To be set up at the sum of 120 l. Sterling.

The articles and conditions of roup, and inventory of the said Brigantine,
are to be seen in the hands of the Clerks of Admiralty, and of Mr
Samuel Watson, one of the procurators before the said High Court.



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SATURDAY, AUGUST 27. 1785.

1785, August 27.

THIS day the Grammar School of South
Leith, under the charge of Mr John Wilson, was examined, previous
to the usual vacation, in presence of the Magistrates, Ministers,
and a considerable number of the principal inhabitants of this place, and
several Gentlemen of literary qualifications in the neighbourhood.

The different Classes gave specimens of their acquaintance with the
principles of Grammar, of their knowledge of the Latin and Greek lan-
guages, Roman Antiquities, and Geography, to the entire satisfaction
of all present. They, therefore, think it but justice to Mr Wilson, to
testify, in this public manner, their approbation of his abilities, afflu-
ency, and method of teaching; and recommend him in the warmest manner,
as qualified in every respect for his office, and deserving encourage-
(Signed)

THO. SCOTT, Minister.

N. B. The School is to be opened again upon the 24th of next
mon. a Rudiment Class to begin about the first October, and the other
classes, public and private, as formerly.

FOWLING PIECES.

Both Single and Double Bars, by the best Makers, from Two

Chimes, and upwards.

SOLD at R. JOHNSTON's Toy Shop, front of the Exchange, Edin-
burgh, with the best Powder and Shot, and every other sportsman's
article, at the lowest price.

Just arrived, great choice of Plated Goods, to be sold very cheap, quite
new patterns.

Few pairs very useful Pistols.—Cutlery Ware of all sorts.
Variety of fine Toys, Gold Rings, Breast Pins and Lockets, &c. on
very reasonable terms.

SALE OF MAHOGANY.

ON Wednesday next, 31st August, will be SOLD by public roup, a
parcel of exceeding Fine MAHOGANY in quantities as pur-
chers shall incline. The wood is lying in a yard adjoining to the east side
of the New Assembly Rooms, George Street, New Town, and may be
viewed any time betwixt and the day of sale. The key of the yard lies
in the smith's shop adjoining. For particulars enquire at David Fre-
hairs, Lawn-market. The sale to be held in the yard, and begins at 12
o'clock precisely.

GAME.

THE EARL of HOPEOUN being resolved to preserve the GAME
on the Marquis of Annandale's estates and his own, in the counties of
Dumfries, Lanark, Linlithgow, Edinburgh, Fife, and Fife, which have suffered greatly by the severity of last winter and spring,
no Gentleman will hunt or shoot thereon, without leave.

All poachers and unqualified persons found hunting or shooting on the
said estates will be prosecuted as the law directs.

To be LET, and entered to at Martinmas next,

THE MANSION-HOUSE of GRANGE, with Gardens, Offices,
Pigeon-house, and some acres of land contiguous thereto, situated
within half a mile of Buntifield, in the county of Fife, and fit for the
accommodation of a genteel family. As the tenant chuses, he may be
supplied with a larger or less quantity of arable land, and with an inclo-
ture of excellent pasture, completely fenced for sheep.

Apply to Mr David Erikine, clerk to the signet, Edinburgh, or Mr
Robert Heggie at Kirkcaldy.

To be LET for the Sea-Bathing season, and entered to at

A FURNISHED FLAT,

one mile east from Musselburgh, very convenient for Sea-Bath-
ing, consisting of a Dining-room, two Bed-rooms, Kitchen, and large
Closet; presently possessed by Mrs Muir, who intends taking in Ladies
and Gentlemen as Boarders, during the winter season.

Apply at the house.

Sale of Household Furniture at Invergordon.

ON Tuesday the 4th day of October next, will be sold by public roup,
at the house of Invergordon.

A Variety of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, consisting of Down and
Feather Beds, Bed-Steads, Curtains, Matresses, English and other Blan-
kets, two Marble Tables, Mahogany Tables and Dumb Waiters, other
Tables and Chairs, several Mirrors, two Eight Day Clocks, an Indian
Cabinet, a Bathing Machine, Mahogany and other Bureaus, Chefs,
Prefles, Carpets, China, Bottles, Glasses, and various articles of kitchen
and other Furniture; all to be sold for ready money.

The roup will begin at ten o'clock in the morning, and continue from
time to time till all is sold off.

ROUP OF FURNITURE.

TO be SOLD upon Monday the 5th of September next, at the house
of Balfour, in the parish of Markinch, and county of Fife, the
whole HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE which belonged to Mrs Bethune
of Balfour lately deceased. There is a complete set of Table China, a
great quantity of Bed and Table Linen, and sundry articles of Silver
Plate, &c. necessary to be mentioned.

The roup will begin at eleven o'clock on the Monday forenoon, and
continue till all be sold.

The house of Balfour lies within ten measured miles of Kinghorn, and
six miles from Falkland.

JUDICIAL SALE.

TO be SOLD within the Parliament or New Session House of Edin-
burgh, upon the 23d day of November 1785, between the hours
of five and seven afternoon.

The SUBJECTS after mentioned, which belonged to ANDREW CRAN-
STON, in the Abbey of Holyroodhouse, viz.

I. The TENEMENT of HOUSES and Pertinents, lying in the
Abbey, and parish of Canongate, set in tack to Mrs Binning; the free
yearly rent of which is proved to be 47 l. 1 s. 10 d. Sterling; and the upset
price, which is fixed at twelve years purchase of that rent, amounts to
L. 565 3 3

II. The BREWERIES and other HOUSES, also lying in the
Abbey, now or lately possessed by Joseph Symington, Andrew Archer, and John
Hardie, the free yearly rent of which extends to 38 l. 19 s. 8 d. 9-12ths
Sterling; and the upset price is fixed at seven years purchase, being
L. 272 18 1-7-12ths

III. The DWELLING-HOUSES in the Abbey, now or lately posses-
sed by Cumberland Liston and Thomas Swinton; the free yearly rent
of which extends to 8 l. 19 s. 1

From the LONDON GAZETTE, Aug. 23.

Leighorn, August 5.

THEIR Sicilian Majesties arrived here this evening from Genoa, on board the St Joachimo line of battle ship, accompanied by the Neapolitan fleet, with his Britannic Majesty's frigates the *Thetis* and *Orpheus*, and a Dutch frigate and cutter. Their Majesties landed privately after sun-set, went to the French Comedy, and the same evening set out for Florence.

Florence, Aug. 9. On the 6th instant, in the morning, their Sicilian Majesties arrived at this city, and have fixed their residence at the palace at Poggio Imperiale. The following evening they appeared with the whole Court in the public walks, and at the Theatre, which was illuminated on the occasion.

INTELLIGENCE FROM LLOYD'S, Aug. 23.

THE African, Cryee, from Dunkirk to Bayonne and Cadiz, is lost near Penzance; she failed 12th July.

The Nantz, Wallace, from London to Maryland, was spoke with the 4th instant, all well.

Captain Fotherley, of the Monmouth, arrived in the River from New York, spoke the Prince William Henry packet, Captain Peters, from Falmouth for New York, out 5 weeks and 3 days, 30 leagues ESE from Sandy Hook.

From the London Papers, Aug. 23.

Vienna, Aug. 3. Last Wednesday there was a dreadful storm at Durnau, ~~which~~, a language from intense, accompanied by a great fall of rain, which continued till noon day at noon, and occasioned immense damage in this capital and its environs, particularly in several of the suburbs. The torrents occasioned the waters of the Danube, the Vienna, and the Alsterbach, to rise above their banks, and the force of the collected stream was so powerful as to carry away walls, bridges, and, in short, every thing that opposed their passage, together with a great quantity of building timber, fire-wood, all kinds of merchandise, and other effects, and great numbers of cattle of various kinds.

Many persons of all ages (but the number is not yet known) perished in consequence of this terrible inundation, which has made shocking havoc at Schoenbrunn, in the delightful retreat of Dornbach, the property of Field Marshal Compte de Lacy, as well as at Buckeckendorf-Marabrunn, and Hadersdorff, the fine seat of Field-Marshal de Laudon.

The tender and compassionate heart of our august Sovereign could not be unmoved at these complicated calamities; he visited every spot where danger was the most pressing, and, regardless of his personal safety, and with the tenderness of a parent, and the patriotism of a monarch, regarding his subjects as his own children, encouraged the people to support their fortitude amidst their unspeakable calamities, and gave orders for such carriages as could be procured to be employed in saving their effects. It is on all hands agreed, that of all the inclemencies of the season which have rendered the current year one of the most remarkable of the present century, this last instance is the most deplorable, and its dreadful effects will never be effaced from the memory of our countrymen.

Frankfort, July 30. The Aultrian periodical print conducted by the Professor of Lucca, contains a list of the Nuns ~~expelled~~ ^{expelled} from the Convents suppressed in the Emperor's domains, ~~now~~ ^{now} ~~and the~~ ^{and the} Netherlands; the number is stated to be 5276, of which ~~there are~~ ^{there are} 2998 women.

Naples, July 12. The King has lately abolished the duty upon paper used in the printing business.

L O N D O N, Aug. 23

Yesterday advice was received at the East-India House, that the Royal Charlotte and Contractor, homeward-bound East Indiamen, were left all well off Scilly on Saturday last, but neither of the Purfers are yet arrived.

Yesterday the East India Company made good their payment of 200,000 l. due to Government, at the Treasury, Whitehall.

This morning some dispatches were received exprefs from his Grace the Duke of Rutland, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, which were immediately sent off to his Majesty at Windsor.

From the best authority we can assure our readers, that in consequence of the intelligence received by Ministers on Friday last, of the defeat of their scheme in the Irish Parliament, an expref was sent off after the meeting of the Cabinet to Lord Sackville; the purport of which is said to be, to solicit the noble Lord's affiance in Council, and his advice in regard to the final adjustment of a compact with Ireland.

From the same source we can also authoritatively inform the public, that Lord Camden has withdrawn himself from the Council. He has not been present at any of the Cabinet's meetings for some time.

A partial change in the Cabinet is now essential, and will soon take place; they cannot go on without it. In the mean time, no plan is formed as yet with regard to their further proceedings in the Irish busines. The Marquises have been consulted, and very liberal offers have been made to different Peers to join Administration in this arduous task.

The Cabinet is in a state of the utmost confusion. The Duke of Rutland has transmitted information, that it will be perfectly impracticable for him to remain in Ireland, since the rejection of the propositions; and Mr Orde, in particular, has been exposed to such a variety and severity of personal insult, as makes it a point necessary in the way of prudence and discretion that he should not stay there. Lord Camden has also certainly seceded from the Cabinet—not on account of the defeat of the Irish system; but he has discovered an underhand and clandestine negotiation, which has been going on, under the auspices of a Great Personage, between Mr Pitt and the Marquis of Lansdown, and Mr Jenkinson, for the introduction of the two latter gentlemen into the Cabinet. Lord C. remonstrated with Mr Pitt on the subject, who, with his usual attention to truth and candour, entirely disavowed the whole transaction, and exclaimed against the idea as absurd and impracticable. His Lordship had an opportunity to discover by the most uncontroversial evidence that such a negotiation was certainly *en train*, and upon this detection of the falsehood and insidiousness and deliberate deception of his friend, he left the Cabinet. What may be the issue of this motley distraction, originating in ignorance, hypocrisy, falsehood, and treachery, it is difficult now to ascertain exactly; but it is pretty certain, that some change of some sort will take place, previous to the next meeting of Parliament. *Eng. Chron.*

Extract of a letter from Versailles, Aug. 3.

The confederation, under the auspices of the Court of Berlin, gains strength every day, and puts on a serious appear-

ance. The light in which the Emperor sees this league renders it an object more worthy of attention. His sentiments on that subject are clearly expressed in a letter written by Count Kaunitz, June 11, to the Emperor's Ministers at the different Courts in the empire.

"The following is a translation of that interesting letter:

"Vienna, June 11. 1785.

"My letter of the 13th of April informed you of the steps taken by the Court of Prussia, which, under the most odious pretences, is using every endeavour to form a league with the greater part of the States of the empire, in which, though his Imperial Majesty be not directly mentioned, it is evidently aimed at him.

"The same letter contains our reasons which at first induced us to consider it as impossible that those measures could be countenanced anywhere.

"To our great surprise, however, the contrary has happened, and repeated accounts have positively confirmed to us, that several of the principal States of the empire have voluntarily declared their determination to accede to the confederation proposed at Berlin.

"But to convince those States by *facts*, and not merely by words, not only how foreign to his Imperial Majesty's intentions the designs so imprudently assigned to him are, but also how much he interests himself in the support of the constitution of the empire, as by law established, in every light, his Majesty himself invites those States which may apprehend the execution of the pretended projects or any other inimical designs, which they may think necessary to guard against; his Majesty, I say, invites them to form manufacture, in the strictest manner, with himself, as head of the empire, a solemn confederation, in which he hereby declares himself ready to engage with them.

"His Majesty cannot give a more unequivocal and striking proof of his real sentiments, and of his desire to maintain the legal constitution of Germany: It therefore cannot be doubted, that those states, who, notwithstanding this declaration, should, contrary to every expectation, enter into a foreign league, must, in the opinion of every unbiassed person, appear to be actuated by motives widely different from those which they openly profess.

"You will be pleased instantaneously to communicate the answers you may receive to this declaration, which I charge you to make in his Majesty's name."

Extract of a letter from Madras, Jan. 20.

"The important news is just arrived here, that Tippoo Sultan is on the eve of a war with the Mahratta State. One of their principal Generals, Peraram Bau by name, has already entered his frontiers which adjoin to their country, and has commenced hostilities. Tippoo is actually on the march with his army towards that quarter; so that we daily expect to hear that they have begun in good earnest. This will give us time to breathe, and recover from our late distress, as well as to prepare effectually for our future defence. These two powers are both possessed of vigour and obstinacy, and the contest will probably be of considerable duration."

Extract of a letter from Leithorn, July 21.

"We just now hear of a remarkable convulsion in the State of Venice. The Doge has been seized in his palace: several members of lower Senators imprisoned, and all at the instigation of the Spiritual Council. Such a shock has not visited the Republic for four score years, and it is difficult to say how it will end."

Extract of a letter from Plymouth, Aug. 16.

"Yesterday the Right Hon. C. J. Fox and a Lady arrived here, in a chariot drawn by four sorrel horses: A sedately caparisoned preceded the carriage. He looked remarkably well, but the people in the streets, that did not know him personally, swore he was a rich London Jew broker and his Lady come to this place for the benefit of the salt water."

PRICE OF STOCKS, AUGUST 23.

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3 per cent. Ann. 177 <i>7</i> / ₁₆ a <i>1</i> / ₂ .	Lottery Tickets, 13 <i>1</i> . 17 <i>s</i> . a <i>18</i> s.
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WIND AT DEAL, AUGUST 22. N. W.

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Extract of a letter from London, Aug. 23.

"The Administration are thrown into the utmost confusion in consequence of the rejection of the propositions by the Irish House of Commons.

"Lord Camden has absented himself from the three last meetings of the Cabinet; and his resignation is talked of in the most positive terms, as an event that will take place in the course of a few days.

"That the present Ministry must break up, there is no doubt, though it is not so clear in what manner a new arrangement will be formed. A great personage is inflexibly bent upon keeping out the members of the Coalition; and the Marquis of Buckingham is averse, it seems, to coming into power, unless with a sufficient number of friends, to put him above fearing any thing from Mr J——n, Mr D——s, and those who are underfoot to form the *junto*.

"The Marquis of Buckingham, however, is the person most likely to take the helm; and it is more than probable that the Administration will be made up of his friends, and part of the present Ministry.

"The Lord Chancellor is prepared for his retreat from office, having secured to himself a pension of 4000 l. until a vacancy shall happen of a Teller of the Exchequer, the reversion of which lucrative office the learned Lord is in possession of.

"The advisers of the Crown have suggested several modes of proceeding upon the overthrow of the commercial propositions, agreed upon by the British Legislature: it is, however, to little purpose. Ireland has obtained a complete victory, and will hardly listen to any proposal from this country for adjusting, *de novo*, any new commercial system. It, therefore, remains for Great Britain to determine, whether she will enforce the propositions she sent over, or not.

"The Irish, there is no doubt, will carry every thing with a high hand. They will legislate for themselves, and enter with spirit into such commercial pursuits as it may be their interest to pursue. In consequence of this, they have it actually in contemplation to trade to the East Indies and China, and have had several meetings for the purpose of deliberating on the means of fitting out ships, &c. on the occasion.

"The idea of an approaching rupture between Great Britain and France still prevails, and will be weakened or strengthened on the arrival of a messenger that is hourly expected from Paris.

"The special commission, ordered to be made out for trying

the thirteen unfortunate persons confined in the New Goal, for attempting to effect their escape from the King's Bench prison, by blowing of the wall, is at present withheld, owing, it is said, to the interference of a great personage.

"As to domestic occurrences, the times were never more bare of them; and public meetings seem to be forgotten for the present. Indeed, the whole political world has been absorbed in its attention to the fall of the Irish propositions, and has not yet well recovered itself from the surprise it has occasioned."

Wednesday night arrived here from London, the Right Honourable Edmund Burke, and William Wyndham, Esq; member for Norwich, and formerly secretary to the Earl of Northampton when Lord Lieutenant of Ireland. Mr Burke's son is also of the party. They are expected to remain here till Tuesday, when they will set out on a tour to the west country; after which they are again to return to this place, and will remain here for some time.

This day, a turtle-feast is to be given in Fortune's, by the Hon. Henry Erskine, to the above Gentlemen, and the friends of Sir Thomas Dundas of Kerse, Bart. The turtle was sent as a present from Sir Thomas, who meant to have attended in person, but was prevented by a misfortune he met with, in having three of his ribs broke in attempting to stop the horses of his chaise which had taken flight. We are happy, however, to learn, that Sir Thomas is now in a fair way of recovery, and that his two children, who were in the chaise with him, and from the anxiety of preferring whom he met with the above misfortune, escaped unharmed.

The report of Richard Brinsley Sheridan, Esq; being come to this place is premature.

While the Magistrates have been in the laudable practice of bestowing the freedom of this city on such gentlemen as have distinguished themselves by their abilities either in the cabinet or the field, it is to be hoped no private political considerations will prevent due respect being paid to the abilities of a Burke, a gentleman no less eminent as an elegant writer, than for his powerful eloquence in the senate. Any attention shown to such gentlemen does not only honour to them, but the community at large, and may be an inducement to other strangers of merit to visit this metropolis. It will also shew the public, that the honour of the freedom of this city is not confined to the friends of any political party whatever—but to *merit* only.

Upon Tuesday night last, as three gentlemen were accompanying another home, they were suddenly attacked by a band of stout fellows at the head of Hyndford's close. Two of the gentlemen received repeated blows, while the third was knocked down, his pockets rifled of money, his handkerchief, hat, and cane carried off. Thursday evening, a gentleman was attacked by five fellows at the head of Gray's close, and was obliged to have recourse by flight, in order to save his life, after being wounded in two places of the face. As this is the third instance (*see Wednesday's paper*) in the space of a few days of the depredations of these pests of society, and that too almost on the same spot, sentinels ought to be placed in that quarter, otherwise no person can with safety pass or remain at night to the head of the Canongate.

The prices of meal in the Edinburgh market were, yesterday, as follows, viz. Best oat meal, 10 d. the peck; second sort, 9 d. halfpenny; and third, 9 d. Bear meal, 7 d. Pease meal, best 7 d. halfpenny, and second, 7 d. per peck.

Extract of a letter from Dublin, Aug. 20.

"The resignation of the Speaker, on Thursday evening last, was not little unexpected. Mr Foster had that day left town: An express was directly dispatched to Collon, from whence he returned yesterday. It is said the Ponsonby interest intended making a push for it, to reinstate the gentleman in that office, who held it for such a number of years. It is, however, thought Mr Foster will carry it hollow, as he will have the whole weight of Administration with him. Should the Ponsonby persevere, it will bring on a contest that will bring up every member in the kingdom on the day of the House's next meeting.

"It is, however, agreed by all parties, that no man in the kingdom is better qualified for that high and important place, than Mr Foster. His knowledge of the rules of the House, and general experience in business, peculiarly fit him to preside in an assembly which, with such true dignity, have of late supported their consequence and independence.

"It is a matter of surprise with some, that Mr Foster should relinquish the Chancellorship of the Exchequer, the emoluments of which are rated considerably above 2000 l. per annum. The place of Speaker, before the sessions became annual, was not so productive. Now the Speaker has each session 2000 l. and to this may be added the fees on the admission of new members, private bills, &c. &c. which amount to little less than 1000 l. more; this, with the rank annexed to the office, and the attendance being only while the House sits, renders it as respectable and profitable as any in the kingdom.

"Sir John Parnell is to succeed Mr Foster as Chancellor of the Exchequer. This of course vacates a place at the Revenue Board, to which we have not yet heard the nomination.

"Some reports say, that the Speaker retires with a pension of 3000 l. per annum, and is to go to the Upper House;—and others with as much confidence, that no conditions were stipulated, and that the resignation was occasioned solely by ill-health.

"Mr Orde would undoubtedly have been in a minority on the first question, had not he used his utmost influence to prevail with gentlemen to let him bring in the bill, upon his promising to take no further step in it this session."

An erroneous Account having been given, in most of the other Papers, of the NEW ACT for laying on a TAX on MALE and FEMALE SERVANTS, we take this opportunity of laying the following ABSTRACT of the act before the Public, with the last Amendments, which may be depended on.

From and after the 5th day of July 1785, there shall be paid by every person retaining or employing one or two male servants, 1 l. 5 s. for each; for three or four, 1 l. 10 s. each; for five, six, or seven, 1 l. 15 s. each; for eight, nine, or ten, 2 l. each; for eleven and upwards, 3 l. each.

Every male person, of the age of twenty-one years and upwards, never having been married, shall pay 1 l. 5 s. over and above the duties before-mentioned, for every male servant kept by him.

The following are the male-servants included in this act:—Maitre d'hôtel, house-steward, master of the horse, groom of the chamber, valet de chambre, butler, under butler, clerk of the kitchen, confectioner, cook, house-porter, footman, running footman, coachman, groom, postillion, stable-boy, or their helpers, gardener not being a day labourer, park-keeper, game-

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Officers on half pay from the navy, army, or marines, who have been disabled by loss of limb, or wound received in his Majesty's service, not liable for the duties for one servant.

Every person who shall have living in their houses two or more lawful children or grandchildren, under the age of fourteen years, shall be exempted from the payment of the duty imposed for one female servant; that is to say, if any person having two such lawful children or grandchildren, shall have one female servant, and not more, he or she shall be wholly exempted from the duty thereby imposed; if any person having two such lawful children or grandchildren, shall have two female servants, and not more, he or she shall pay for one female servant, at the same rate as if he or she retained only one female servant, and no more, and so in proportion for any greater number, abating one female servant, and leaving the rate of duty in the manner in the said recited act provided, for every two such children or grandchildren.

Female servants under fourteen years, or above sixty, to be exempted from the duties, upon producing an extract from the register of the births kept in the parish, properly authenticated, where they were born.

The duties to be collected by the persons appointed to collect the duties on houses and windows.

The first assessment to be for three quarters of a year, from the 5th of July 1785, and afterwards for one year, from the 5th of April every year.

The duties to be paid quarterly, the first on the 10th of October 1785.

Persons who have paid the male-servants duties by advance, for any of the three quarters for which the first assessment is to be made, to receive back their money from the Excise.

The assessors appointed by the Commissioners for managing this act, to give notice in writing to masters, &c. to produce lists of their male and female servants, with their names and capacity in which they are employed, within fourteen days after the notice, and in case of neglect, or refusal, the assessors to make up the lists, from which there shall be no appeal; unless the person was not at his dwelling-house at the time of delivery of the notice, or within the time limited for delivering the said act, or unless a sufficient excuse is proved to the Commissioners.

The lists to contain the greatest number of servants employed during the time to which they relate.

Commissioners to grant relief to persons who have been assessed in different places for the same servants.

In case the lists delivered to the assessors shall be found deficient, they may surcharge the same, and make a true assessment.

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Penalties exceeding 20 l. to be recovered in the Courts of Session, Justiciary, and Exchequer; and penalties not exceeding 20 l. to be recoverable before two or more Justices of the Peace.

All actions for offences against this act to be brought within one year after the offence committed, otherwise to be void.

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paper, houndsman or whipper-in, waiters in taverns, coffee-houses, inn-ale-houses, or any other houses licensed to sell wine, ale, or other liquors by retail, (other than occasional waiters) or by whatever name or names male-servants really acting in any of the said capacities shall be called, or whether such male-servants shall have been, or shall be retained or employed in one or more of the said capacities, or in other business jointly with one or more of the same.

After the 5th of July 1785, there shall also be paid, by persons retaining female-servants, for one, 2 s. 6 d.; for two, 5 s. each; for three or more, 10 s. each.

Every male person, of the age of twenty-one years, and upwards, never having been married, shall pay 2 s. 6 d. additional for one female servant; 5 s. each for two; and 10 s. each for three or more.

This act not to extend to servants, male or female, employed bona fide for the purposes of husbandry, farmers, dairy, or manufacture of any trade or calling (other than waiters as aforesaid) by which the master or mistress of such servant shall earn a livelihood or profit.

The duties for coachmen, groom, gardener, &c. let out by way of job, to be paid by the person employing them.

Persons employing as apprentices, any person in the above-mentioned capacities, not to be exempted from the duties.

Not to extend to butlers, cooks, gardeners, or porters, employed in the Universities of England and Scotland.

One servant of any officer under the rank of a field officer, to be exempted; provided he retains no more than one servant; nor any officer serving in any regiment of artillery, infantry, or marines, or corps of engineers, to be charged for any servant who is actually a soldier in the regiment or company to which such officer belongs; nor any officer in his Majesty's navy, under the rank of a master and commander in actual employ, for any person who is borne upon the books of the ship to which such officer shall belong.

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To the Printer of the Caledonian Mercury.

SIR, I have long been justly observed, that, to the University and the Court of Session, this city is, in a great measure, indebted for her dignity and subsistence. The Professors of the one, the Judges and practitioners of the other, have been long conspicuous for their learning and their abilities. It is, therefore, much to be regretted, that the class-rooms of the one, and the Court-place of the other, are in such bad repair. I am happy, however, to find, that, with regard to the former, an elegant plan is proposed, and will, I hope, be speedily executed; but, with respect to the latter, there is not, I believe, so much as the smallest intention or whisper to render it more commodious.

The external appearance of the Parliament-house is indeed elegant, it is beautiful; but within, it is in such miserable disrepair, that every stranger, upon entering it, must find himself greatly disappointed. The Outer-house should be cleared of those booths or stalls which at present occupy too much of it; and, instead of the limited space set apart for the lawyers and practitioners, it should be extended from one end of the building to the other. The ceiling is beautiful, and exhibits not only an elegance of design, but of execution truly masterly. The Inner-house, however, although a room of considerable, and apparently of convenient size, is so ill furnished, and in a state of repair so disgraceful, that it cannot be too much, or too severely animadverted upon. The walls and ceiling, the bench, table, and chairs, exhibit such marks of meanness and frailty, that while the two first ought to be painted, the three last call for an immediate renewal.

Is there a Judge or a Lawyer, nay, is there one of the lowest practitioners belonging to the Court, that would occupy a house in such contemptible repair? What must the feelings of a stranger be upon entering the walls of that house? Instead of being struck with awe and respect, will he not feel every emotion of pity and contempt? While thousands of pounds are just now expending (and very justly) for opening new communications to the city, as well as to erect buildings which will at once prove useful and ornamental, those which are already built, and which are set apart for public purposes, ought not surely to be neglected.

Why are Judges arrayed with magnificent robes? Is it not that every beholder may be struck with awe and respect? Should a view of the Court-room, then, have an opposite effect? Will we not be apt to entertain mean ideas of, and even a degree of disrespect for those laws which are dispensed in a place clothed with every mark of meanness, and which tends to create disgust? Strangers admire us for our taste as to the external elegance of our buildings: Let us not be deficient in a corresponding elegance and cleanliness within, especially with regard to our public Court-rooms. Thus our national character is concerned; and as we are daily improving in our taste respecting our churches and domestic accommodation, let it not be said that these Court-rooms exhibit the only instances of our neglect and inattention.

As the Court of Session is now risen for the harvest vacation, I hope those, whose province it is to take cognizance of those matters, will embrace the present opportunity, and remove a complaint so long and but too justly founded.

OBSERVATOR.

ARRIVED AT GREENOCK.—August 22. John and Helen, Bowie, from the Highlands, with bark.

SAILED.—August 20. Hope, Vanvitt, for Longsund, with tobacco;

Comitis, Sheldan, for Rotterdam, with ditto.—21. Sincerity, Hamilton, for Irvine, with ditto.—22. Elizabeth, Blair, for Dublin, with goods; William, Stewart, for ditto, with ditto.—23. Nancy, Macleay, for ditto, with ditto; Judith, Cock, for Longsund, with tobacco; Kitty, Crawford, for Virginia, with goods.—24. Lawrie, White, for Waterford, with goods; Kitty, Morison, for New York, with ditto.

ARRIVED AT GRANGEMOUTH, August 18. Friendship, Bedlington, from Ulverston, with iron ore.—19. Friends Increase, Matton, from Gottenburgh, with deals and iron.—20. Two Brothers, Kid, from Montrose, with grain.—21. Hannah, Bremer, from Birr, with kelp and household furniture; Lady Charlotte, Ferrier, from Leith, for Glasgow, with sundries; George, Savage, from Yarmouth, with flour; Speedwell, Darn, from Aberdeen, with oats; New City, Spittal, from Narva, with deals.—22. Mercury, Kincaid, from Leith, for Glasgow, with goods; Glasgow, Shaw, from Borrowstounness, for ditto, with ditto; Jean, Ronald, from Alloa, for ditto, with flax.

ARRIVED AT LEITH, August 26. Fortune, Anderson, (from Laurie) from Memel, with logs; Ann, Slater, from Zetland, with kelp; John and Easter, Lucy, from Dundee, with oats; Providence, Jones, from Alloa, with coals, &c.; Felton, Laughton, from Spey, with oats; Elizabeth, Greig, from Archangel, with tallow and iron.

SAILED.—Providence, Wilson, for Hull, with goods; Jean, Napier, for Glasgow, with ditto; Providence, Ross, for ditto, with ditto; Christian, Wilhart, for Newcastle, with ditto.

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TO be SOLD by public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffee-house, Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 28th September next, betwixt the hours of four and five afternoon.

The Lands of LEITH-HEAD, comprehending the Inn and 40 acres of land set therewith, commonly known by the name of Little Faughton, lying in the parish of Kirknewton and county of Edinburgh.

The lands in whole consist of about 260 acres, and there was lately built upon them a manor-house fit to accommodate a pretty large family. They are situated eleven measured miles from Edinburgh, on the great road leading thence to Linlithgow and the thire of Ayk.

If the lands are not sold, the whole, except the inn and 40 acres of land, will be set for a year, and to be entered to at Martinmas first.

For further particulars apply to James Bowders writer in Edinburgh.

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Enquire at Mr Herd, at Mr John Russell's chamber, Argyle Square, or Mr Johnston writer, Cupar Fife.

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There are WANTED at the term of Martinmas next,

SALE OF STRALOCH.

To be SOLD by judicial sale, upon the 1st of December next, THE Lands and Estate of STRALOCH, lying in the parishes of Moulinie, and Kirkmichael, and county of Perth. Further particulars to be afterwards advertised; in the mean time further information may be had from Adam Stewart writer in Edinburgh.

SALE ON BALLINLOAN.

To be SOLD by public voluntary roup, upon Thursday the 8th day of September next, at 2 o'clock mid-day, within the house of Andrew Duff vintner at Inver, near Dunkeld.

The Lands and Estate of BALLINLOAN, lying in Strathbreen, in the parish of Little Dunkeld, and county of Perth.

These lands lie in a pleasant highland situation, within two Scots miles of Dunkeld, and ten of Perth; to both which places the king's high-way, leading through the estate, affords easy access; and as said lands abound in variety of game, have a commodious mansion-house, lately built, with kitchen, and suitable offices, they are well calculated for goat-whey and shooting quarters.

This estate is mostly out of lease, and very improvable; has an excellent extensive hill, and will, upon a division of hill-community with the neighbouring heritors, be entitled to a large share.

Further particulars may be had, by applying to Mr Robert Cargill merchant in Dunkeld, or to Adam Stewart writer in Edinburgh.

JUDICIAL SALE.

To be SOLD by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon the 23rd day of January next to come, betwixt the hours of four and six afternoon, ALL and HAIL the LANDS of PHONES and ETTERISH, with their pertinents, lying in the parish of Kingussie, Lordship of Badnoch, and county of Inverness; the proven free flock whereof, after all deductions, is 621. 19s. 8d. 12ths; and the free teind of the same is 14l. 2s. 8d. 9-12ths. The proven value of the said free flock is 1637 l. 11s. 6d. 3-12ths. And the free teind is valued at 70l. 13s. 7d. per annum. The value of both stock and teind being 1708 l. 5s. 1d. 11-12ths.

Both these lands hold of the Duke of Gordon for payment of 6l. 4s. 7d. Sterling of feu-duty, including converted customs and services. They are pleasantly situated upon the edge of the military road leading from Perth to Inverness, well accommodated with extensive pastures, and a desirable purchase for a sportsman, having immediate access to fishing and fowling, and a delightful prospect of natural woods and running waters at every quarter.

The rental, progres, and articles of roup are to be seen in the hands of Keith Donkin Deputy-Clerk of Session.

Judicial Sale of DALSWINTON and Others,

IN DUMFRIES-SHIRE,

BY ADJOURNMENT.

To be SOLD by public roup, under the authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament or New Session House of Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 30th day of November 1785, betwixt the hours of four and seven in the afternoon.

The Lands, Estate, and others after-mentioned, which belonged to Major WILLIAM MAXWELL of Dalswinton, in the two following lots or parcels:

LOT I.—The Lands and Barony of DALSWINTON, comprehending the particular lands and farms mentioned in the title-deeds thereof, all lying within the parish of Kirkmichael and shire of Dumfries; as also all and whole the Lands of STANDALANE and others, in the parish of Hollywood and shire of Dumfries.

The proven rental of these lands, free of all deductions, extends to L. 897 13 3 6-12ths

And the proven value thereof is L. 21,365 8 6

The value of growing woods and planting on this estate, taken from an actual survey, and sworn to by the valuers, amounts to 5160 10 11

Which makes the upset price of the lands and woods to be L. 26,525 19 5

This estate consists in whole of 3907 acres and 10 falls Scots statute measure, about the half of which are arable and meadow lands, and a part of the rest of the highest cultivation. The fall is in general good; but a large tract of holm or meadow ground upon the banks of the river Nith, and the inclosures round the house, are in particular of the richest and most substantial nature, and capable of raising any species of grain this kingdom produces. The proprietor of the barony of Dalswinton has right to a salmon fishing on the river Nith, adjoining to the lands.

The situation of this estate is exceedingly favourable to every kind of improvement, being mostly of a southerly exposure, and commands most beautiful prospects of the rich country in its neighbourhood; and it has the singular convenience and advantage to lie perfectly compact, without the interference of any other person's property to intersect or divide it, and there is a stone dyke surrounds the whole estate, excepting on one side, where the river is the march. The tenants are substantial, and in general accommodated with very good houses, and the different farms on the estate are subdivided and laid out on the most approved plans, and every farm is inclosed by itself with substantial stone walls.

The estate lies within six miles of the thriving town of Dumfries, and within three of the limestone quarries of Closeburn, which afford an inexhaustible source of improvement; and the great post road from London to Glasgow and Ayr, by Dumfries, goes through the middle of it. The value put upon the wood is far from being extravagant, as there is great part of it already full grown, consisting of oak, ash, elm, beech, fir, &c.; and the extensive young plantations are only valued at the original expense of putting them in the ground, exclusive of the expense of inclosing, and, from the thriving appearance and quality of these young woods, there is almost a certainty of their soon becoming a matter of very great importance to the proprietor.

Major Maxwell has right to the tiends of the barony of Dalswinton, and the greatest part of the land tax is paid by the tenants over and above their rents.

The whole of the above lands hold of the Crown, and are separately valued in the cens-books at 2725 merks, which must afford the purchaser a considerable political influence within the county.

The mansion-house, though not elegant, is lodgeable and commodious, and there is a garden and orchard adjacent thereto, stoned with fruit trees of the best kinds and greatest variety in that country. There are many of the farms, since the process of sale commenced, set only for three years, and consequently a considerable rise of rent may be with certainty expected when these short leases expire. The rents, too, of several of the farms are considerably augmented since the judicial rental was taken, in so much that the present free payable rental amounts to 909l. 9s. 2d. and on one farm a further rise of 25l. per annum commences at Whitsunday first. Upon the whole, a more complete and durable purchase than the above lands can scarce appear in the market.

LOT II.—All and Hail a large FORE TENEMENT, and other contiguous Subjects, lying in the town of Dumfries, in the street leading from the foot of the Friar Vennel towards the Green Sandbeds, belonging to the said Major William Maxwell, and bounded and described as in the rights and title-deeds thereof.

The proven rental of these subjects, free of all deductions, is L. 15 15 0

And the proven value thereof, at the rate of twelve years purchase, at which the same is to be set up, extends to L. 189 0 0

The articles of roup, progres of wris, and rentals of the subjects under sale, are to be seen in the hands of John Cailander, deputy clerk of Session. Copies of the articles of roup and rental are also lodged with Robert Ramay, writer in Dumfries; and persons intending to offer, and who may be desirous of knowing further particulars, will apply to George Robinson, clerk to the signet, Queen-street, Edinburgh, agent in the sale.

The tenants will show the lands, and Mr Ramsay the subjects in Dumfries.

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For Home Consumption,

SUNDRY PARCELS of FOREIGN TEA, WINES, and others, lately condemned in his Majesty's Court of Exchequer.

LEITH, Monday, 29th August 1785.—80 lbs fine black tea, and the materials of the hulls of the Flying Fish, and Jean and Betsey, (after being broke up), with tackle, furniture, and apparel, and a chest.

ANSTRUTHER, Tuesday, 30th August 1785.—535 gallons red Spanish wine, mixed with claret, and 240 gallons white Spanish wine.

ABERDEEN, Wednesday, 31st August 1785.—200 lbs and 16 deals, 21 cut deals, 19 logs, containing 5402 feet timber, together with the materials of the hull of the Nelly of Buckie, (after being broke up), and her tackle, furniture, and apparel.

INVERNESS, Friday, 2d September 1785.—18 gallons white wine, and the materials of the hull of the sloop Christian, (after being broke up), together with her tackle, furniture, and apparel.

FORT GLASGOW, Monday, 5th September 1785.—317 lbs. black tea, 2 tons and 1 cwt. pig iron, and the materials of the hulls of the cutter Flora and the lugger Olden of Ostend, (after being broke up), together with their tackle, furniture, and apparel, with the materials of two open boats.

FORT WILLIAM, Wednesday, 7th September 1785.—60 gallons red Portugal wine, 52 gallons red French wine, and 2 open boats.

STORNOWAY, Thursday, 8th September 1785.—972 lbs. fine black tea, 89 gallons red French wine, 60 gallons white wine, 336 lbs. hair powder, 15 lady's switches, 32 paper muslin boxes, 11 lemon peel saffron boxes, 2 glazed hats, 8 ounces extract of cassia, 11 pair white cotton stockings, 26 yards cotton calico, 82 pieces naankeen; materials of the hulls of the ships Jean and Bachelor, (after being broke up), together with their tackle, furniture, and apparel.

STRANRAER, Friday, 9th September 1785.—The materials of the hull of the lugger Ballon of Orléans, 80 tons burthen, (after being broke up), together with her tackle, furniture, and apparel, and an open boat, with 6 lbs. black tea, and 18 pieces thread lace.

AYR RACES.

To be RUN for ever AYR COURSE, on Tuesday the 30th of August current, 1785,

FIFTY POUNDS for 5 and 6 years old, and aged Horses, &c. carrying the following weights:

Five years old, 8 stone 10 lb.
Six years old, 9 stone 3 lb.
Aged, 9 stone 5 lb.

The best of three four mile heats.

The winner of a King's Plate this year carrying eight lib. extra—
a Fifty three lib. extra—and of two Fifies five lib. extra;

On Thursday the 1st of September next,

FIFTY POUNDS STERLING, for 4, 5, and 6 years old, and aged Horses, &c. carrying the following weights:

Four years old, 7 stone 11 lb.
Five years old, 8 stone 9 lb.
Six years old, 9 stone 2 lb.
Aged, 9 stone 6 lb.

The best of three four miles heats.

Bridles and Saddles included in all weights, and no allowance for waste, and carrying the extra weights above mentioned.

The Horses, &c. to be entered at the King's Arms Inn at Ayr the Saturday preceding the Races, by fix o'clock afternoon. Each horse, &c. to pay one guinea entrance, and five shillings to the clerk; besides the duty to Government, if a certificate of the payment formerly is not shown.

Proper certificates must be shown at entering each Horse, &c. under the hand of the breeders.

The winner of the first Fifty not allowed to start for the second.

If only one Horse, &c. be entered for each Race, such Horse, &c. to be entitled to the money for walking over the course, in the option of the Stewards.

If any disputes shall arise at entering or running, the same to be determined by the Stewards, or whom they shall appoint, and such determination to be final.

An Ordinary each day at Wharton's, King's Arms, and Assemblies as usual.

Sir Andrew Cathcart of Carleton, Bart.

Col. Hugh Montgomerie of Skelmorlie, Esq;

Thomas Kennedy of Denure, Esq;

William Mure of Caldwell, Esq;

BY ADJOURNMENT.

Sale of Lands in the Parish of Baldernock,

About six miles from Glasgow.

THERE will be SOLD by public roup on Wednesday the 31st of August curr. betwixt the hours of eleven o'clock forenoon and two afternoon, within the house of Peter McKinlay vintner in Glasgow.

All and Whole the LANDS of BANKIER EASTER, with the Tithes great and small, lying in the parish of Baldernock, and shire of Stirling; consisting of about 200 acres, 111 acres of which are croft ground, and the rest outfield, all arable excepting about five acres.

The outfield grounds are full of coal and lime, part of which is level-free, and the rest can be made level-free at a very small expence. Where the lime now working there is about three ell's of tiring above a lime-stone of from an ell to 5-4ths thick, immediately below which is coal of an excellent quality 5-4ths thick; below it lime-stone 5-4ths thick; immediately below this lime-stone there is ironstone about an ell thick; and below the ironstone two thin seams of lime-stone and coal. In one part of the ground all these seams may be worked together. There are also many other thin seams of ironstone in other parts of the ground.

The lands lie about a mile from the great canal, by which lime and coal may be carried at a small expence.

The tacks of the whole lands expired at Martinmas last; and when the dyke on the west side, which is now building, is finished, the lands will be all inclosed excepting about eight rods of dyke on the north side. The tenants will show the lands, and the progres of wris, which are clear, and conditions of sale, will be seen by applying to Richard Allan merchant in Glasgow.

The lands will be sold privately any time before the said 31st of August, if any person incline to purchase.

The lands hold of a subject, and pay five merks yearly of feu-duty. They are at present subject to the Flechter-Mill, but are to be free of feusken at the end of the present miller's tack, which will be in nine years hence.

JUDICIAL SALE.

To be SOLD by authority of the Lords of Council and Session, within the Parliament or New Session-house of Edinburgh, upon the 22d day of November 1785, between the hours of 4 and 6 afternoon,

That Part of the LANDS of PRIESTDEN and GORDON'S HALL, which belong to David Laing, with the BREWSTEAD built thereon, lying within the parish of Carnbee and shire of Fife. The proven free rent, after all deductions, is 22l. 17s. and the proven value of the whole subjects is 429l.

The subjects hold of Captain Thomas Dalziel of Lingo, for payment of 10l. Scots, twelve poultry, and four carriages of coals, of feu-duty. They are pleasantly situated upon the east coast of Fife, commanding a prospect of the German Ocean and firth of Forth. The land is of excellent quality; and the brewstead, which is well adapted for a business of that kind, is in good order.

The rental, progres of wris, and articles of roup, are to be seen in the hands of Alexander Stevenson Deputy-clerk of Session; and persons wanting further information may apply to George Tod writer, Edinburgh.

A VILLA

To be LET for one, two, or more years, and entered to at Martinmas next.

THE House and LANDS of POWDERHALI, which lately belonged to Mr Daniel Seton, merchant in Edinburgh, lying in the parish of St Cuthbert's, and shire of Edinburgh, presently possessed by William Miller, Esq; and James Foreman.

The lands are pleasantly situated upon the banks of the Water of Leith, contain about fifteen Scots acres of a very rich soil, all completely inclosed, and divided into three different fields, surrounded with thriving and beautiful stripes of planting. The pleasure ground is laid out with taste; and the garden and wall surrounding the pleasure ground are stocked with fruit trees of many different kinds, which produce remarkably well.

The house stands upon the Bonnington road to Leith, within 2 miles walk of the Cross of Edinburgh, and consists of a kitchen and eleven fire-rooms, besides five bed-rooms, and two large light closets in the garret story. There are also two cellars, one of them with ratocomb; and a complete set of offices, containing a stable for six horses, coach-house, cart-house, byre for four cows, milk-house, washing-house, and large laundry, with two servants rooms, and several other conveniences. At the offices is a pump-well, plentifully supplied; and at the head of the entry from the Bonnington road, there is a good gardener's house with two apartments.

The house will be seen weekly on Wednesday only, betwixt one and three o'clock afternoon. For further particulars apply to James Marshall writer to the signet, in whose hands a plan of the premises will be seen.

FARMS IN FIFE TO LET.

To be LET for such a number of years as can be agreed upon, and entered to at the term of Martinmas 1786, the following FARMS within the shire of Fife.

DAIRSIE PARISH:

Dairie Mains, presently possessed by John Reid, containing about 300 Middlefield; John Thompson, Wm. and Thos. Lamies, Todhall,

LARGO PARISH:

Gullion, Robert Tod's Heirs,

DENINO PARISH:

Strathyre Mains, John Duncan,

Strathyre Mill, Charles Sibbald,

and Cortown,

Further particulars may be had from Mr Andrew Whyte at Balcony, or Mr Oliver Gourlay at Craigvorthie; and signed proposals may be lodged with Mr Erskine clerk to the signet, who will conceal such of them as are not accepted. No proposals need be made after the 1st of November next; and answers will be